

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

**MOHAMMED KHADER,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**HADI ENTERPRISES, et al.,**

**Defendants,**

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**Case No. 1:10cv1048 (JCC\IDD)**

**DEFENDANTS' PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

Defendants Marshall Auto Outlet, Hadi Enterprises, Omar Lazkani and Mohammed Abdelhadi, by and through counsel, hereby submit the following proposed jury instructions, pursuant to the Scheduling Order. Defendants expressly reserve their rights to withdraw, amend or modify any of these proposed instructions. Defendants also expressly reserve their rights to propose any additional instructions as may be warranted by the evidence at trial. Further, by submitting these proposed jury instructions Defendants do not concede, and expressly reserve their right to assert and take the position, that certain issues to be tried are to be decided by the Court, not a jury.

Dated: June 20, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **JURY INSTRUCTION A**

### **Preliminary Instructions to the Jury**

Members of the jury, the order of the trial of this case will be in four stages:

1. Opening statements
2. Presentment of the evidence
3. Instructions of the law
4. Final argument

After the conclusion of final argument, you will be further instructed concerning your deliberations, after which you will retire, select a leader, deliberate, and arrive at your verdict.

#### **Opening Statements**

First, the plaintiff's attorney may make an opening statement outlining his or her case. Then the defendants' attorneys also may make an opening statement. Neither side is required to do so.

#### **Presentment of the Evidence**

Following the opening statements, the plaintiff will introduce evidence, after which the defendants then have the right to introduce evidence (but are not required to do so). Rebuttal evidence may then be introduced if appropriate.

#### **Instructions of Law**

Third, at the conclusion of all evidence, the court will instruct you on the law which is to be applied to this case.

#### **Final Argument**

Once the evidence has been presented and you have been instructed on the law, then the attorneys may make their closing arguments. The plaintiff's attorney will argue first, the defendants' attorneys may reply, and the plaintiff's attorney may close in rebuttal.

Members of the jury, your function in the trial of this case is to reach a unanimous verdict that is based solely on the evidence and the instructions of law which you will be given after all the evidence has been presented. The law applicable to this case is given to you in these instructions and in the other instructions you will receive at the close of all evidence, and it is your duty to follow all such instructions.

No statement or ruling or remark that I may make during the course of the trial is intended to indicate my opinion as to what the facts are. It is the function of the jury to consider the evidence and determine the facts in this case.

The evidence which you are to consider consists of testimony of witnesses, any exhibits admitted into evidence, and any facts agreed upon between the parties and presented to you in the form of a stipulation. The admission of evidence in court is governed by rules of law; and from time to time, it may be the duty of the attorneys to make objections and my duty as judge to rule on those objections and decide whether or not you can consider certain evidence. You must not consider testimony or exhibits to which an objection was sustained or which has been ordered stricken. If an objection is overruled, then you may consider that evidence together with all other evidence in the case. The opening statements and closing arguments of the attorneys are intended to help you in understanding the evidence and in applying the law, but their statements are not evidence.

In your determination of what the facts are, you alone must determine the credibility of the witnesses and the weight of the evidence. You may consider the appearance and manner of the witnesses on the stand, their intelligence, their opportunity for knowing the truth and for having observed the things about which they testified, their interest in the outcome of the case, their bias, and, if any have been shown, their prior inconsistent statement, or whether they have knowingly testified untruthfully as to any material fact in the case. You should not arbitrarily disregard believable testimony of a witness. However, after you have considered all the evidence in the case, then you may accept or discard all or part of the testimony of a witness as you think proper. You should use your common sense in considering the evidence, and you may draw reasonable inferences from that evidence; but in doing so, you should not indulge in guesswork or speculation. From consideration of these things and all the other circumstances of the case, you should determine which witnesses are more believable and weigh their testimony accordingly. Until this case is submitted to you for your deliberations, you should not decide any issue in the case and you should not discuss the case with anyone or remain within hearing of anyone who is discussing it. There will be occasional recesses during the trial. During the recesses, you should not discuss the case with your fellow jurors nor go to the scene or make any independent investigation or receive any information about the case from radio, television, or the newspapers. Once your deliberations commence, then you must discuss the case only in the jury room when all the members of the jury are present.

Just prior to your deliberations, you will be given a final instruction with regard to your selection of a leader, the conduct of your deliberations, and the forms for your verdict.

The faithful and proper performance by you of your duty is vital to the administration of justice. On behalf of the court and the litigants, we appreciate your giving your complete attention to the case as it is presented.

Thank you.

Virginia Model Jury Instruction No. 2.000 ("Preliminary Instructions to Jury")

## **JURY INSTRUCTION B**

### **Credibility of Witnesses**

You are the judges of the facts, the credibility of the witnesses, and the weight of the evidence. You may consider the appearance and manner of the witnesses on the stand, their intelligence, their opportunity for knowing the truth and for having observed the things about which they testified, their interest in the outcome of the case, their bias, and, if any have been shown, their prior inconsistent statements, or whether they have knowingly testified untruthfully as to any material fact in the case.

You may not arbitrarily disregard believable testimony of a witness. However, after you have considered all the evidence in the case, then you may accept or discard all or part of the testimony of a witness as you think proper.

You are entitled to use your common sense in judging any testimony. From these things and all the other circumstances of the case, you may determine which witnesses are more believable and weigh their testimony accordingly.

**JURY INSTRUCTION C**

**Adverse Witness**

Plaintiff called Omar Lazkani as an adverse witness. Plaintiff is bound by as much of Mr. Lazkani's testimony given as an adverse witness as is clear, logical, reasonable and uncontradicted.

Plaintiff is not bound by any of Mr. Lazkani's testimony given as an adverse witness that conflicts with any of the other evidence in the case.

**JURY INSTRUCTION D**

**Adverse Witness**

Plaintiff called Mohammed Abdelhadi as an adverse witness. Plaintiff is bound by as much of Mr. Abdelhadi's testimony given as an adverse witness as is clear, logical, reasonable and uncontradicted.

Plaintiff is not bound by any of Mr. Abdelhadi's testimony given as an adverse witness that conflicts with any of the other evidence in the case.

**JURY INSTRUCTION E**

**Adverse Witness**

Plaintiff called Hazem Abdelhadi as an adverse witness. Plaintiff is bound by as much of Mr. Abdelhadi's testimony given as an adverse witness as is clear, logical, reasonable and uncontradicted.

Plaintiff is not bound by any of Mr. Abdelhadi's testimony given as an adverse witness that conflicts with any of the other evidence in the case.

**JURY INSTRUCTION F**

**Rejected and Stricken Evidence**

You must not consider any matter that was rejected or stricken by the Court. It is not evidence and should be disregarded.

Virginia Model Jury Instruction No. 2.170 (“Rejected and Stricken Evidence”)

**JURY INSTRUCTION G**

**Amount Sued For Is Not Evidence**

The amount sued for is not evidence in this case; you should not consider it as evidence in arriving at your verdict.

**JURY INSTRUCTION H**

**Verdict Not to be Based on Sympathy, Bias, Guesswork, or Speculation**

You must not base your verdict in any way upon sympathy, bias, guesswork or speculation. Your verdict must be based solely upon the evidence and instructions of the court.

Virginia Model Jury Instruction No. 2.220 (“Verdict Not to be Based on Sympathy, Bias, Guesswork, or Speculation”)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION I**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Was there a contract between the Plaintiff and Omar Lazkani?
- 2) If there was a contract, did Omar Lazkani breach any of his obligations under the contract?
- 3) If there was a breach, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate result of the breach?
- 4) If the Plaintiff did suffer damages as a result of a breach, what is the amount of his damage?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

**JURY INSTRUCTION J**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) There was a contract between the Plaintiff and Omar Lazkani; and
- 2) Omar Lazkani breached his obligations to the Plaintiff pursuant to the contract;  
and
- 3) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Omar Lazkani breaching his obligations pursuant to the contract.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Omar Lazkani if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION K**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Was there a contract between the Plaintiff and Mohammed Abdelhadi?
- 2) If there was a contract, did Mohammed Abdelhadi breach any of his obligations under the contract?
- 3) If there was a breach, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate result of the breach?
- 4) If the Plaintiff did suffer damages as a result of a breach, what is the amount of his damage?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

**JURY INSTRUCTION L**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) There was a contract between the Plaintiff and Mohammed Abdelhadi; and
- 2) Mohammed Abdelhadi breached his obligations to the Plaintiff pursuant to the contract; and
- 3) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Mohammed Abdelhadi breaching his obligations pursuant to the contract.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Omar Lazkani if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION M**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Was there a contract between the Plaintiff and Hadi Enterprises?
- 2) If there was a contract, did Hadi Enterprises breach any of its obligations under the contract?
- 3) If there was a breach, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate result of the breach?
- 4) If the Plaintiff did suffer damages as a result of a breach, what is the amount of his damage?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION N**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) There was a contract between the Plaintiff and Hadi Enterprises; and
- 2) Hadi Enterprises breached his obligations to the Plaintiff pursuant to the contract;  
and
- 3) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Hadi Enterprises breaching his obligations pursuant to the contract.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Hadi Enterprises if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION O**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Was there a contract between the Plaintiff and Marshall Auto Outlet?
- 2) If there was a contract, did Marshall Auto Outlet breach any of its obligations under the contract?
- 3) If there was a breach, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate result of the breach?
- 4) If the Plaintiff did suffer damages as a result of a breach, what is the amount of his damage?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

Ulloa v. QSP, Inc., 271 Va. 72, 624 S.E.2d 43 (2006)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION P**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) There was a contract between the Plaintiff and Marshall Auto Outlet; and
- 2) Marshall Auto Outlet breached its obligations to the Plaintiff pursuant to the contract; and
- 3) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Marshall Auto Outlet breaching his obligations pursuant to the contract.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Marshall Auto Outlet if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

**JURY INSTRUCTION Q**

**Definition of Contract**

A contract is an agreement, for consideration, between two or more parties. A contract arises when an offer is accepted.

**JURY INSTRUCTION R**

**Consideration**

Consideration is what is given in exchange for a promise.

Virginia Model Jury Instruction No. 45.040 (“Consideration”

**JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

**Offer**

An offer is a proposal of the terms on which a person will enter into an agreement if the offer is accepted by the person to whom it was made.

**JURY INSTRUCTION T**

**Acceptance**

An acceptance is an unconditional promise to be bound by the terms of the offer.

**JURY INSTRUCTION U**

**Acceptance Must Match Offer**

An offer may specify the time, place or method of acceptance. The acceptance must comply with the offer in every material respect. If the acceptance is not identical to the offer in all material respects, or if a new material term is added, there is no contract.

**JURY INSTRUCTION V**

**Meeting of the Minds**

For a contract to exist, the minds of the parties must have met on every material term of the alleged agreement.

**JURY INSTRUCTION W**

**Contract Must Be Complete and Reasonably Certain**

A contract must be both complete and reasonably certain. It is complete if it includes all the essential terms. It is reasonably certain if all the essential terms are expressed in a clear and definite way.

Virginia Model Jury Instruction No. 45.170 (“Contract Must Be Complete and Reasonably Certain”)

### **JURY INSTRUCTION X**

#### **Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Were the Plaintiff and Omar Lazkani members of a partnership?
- 2) If they were members of a partnership, did Omar Lazkani hold, profit, or derive any benefit from any property of the partnership?
- 3) If so, did Omar Lazkani breach any fiduciary duty he had to the Plaintiff?
- 4) If Omar Lazkani breached any fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate cause of such breach?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

### **JURY INSTRUCTION Y**

#### **Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff and Omar Lazkani were members of the partnership; and
- 2) Omar Lazkani held, profited, or derived a benefit from property of the partnership; and
- 3) Omar Lazkani breached his fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff with regard to such property of the partnership; and
- 4) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Omar Lazkani's breach of his fiduciary duty.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Omar Lazkani if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the four elements above.

## **JURY INSTRUCTION Z**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Were the Plaintiff and Mohammed Abdelhadi members of a partnership?
- 2) If they were members of a partnership, did Mohammed Abdelhadi hold, profit, or derive any benefit from any property of the partnership?
- 3) If so, did Mohammed Abdelhadi breach any fiduciary duty he had to the Plaintiff?
- 4) If Mohammed Abdelhadi breached any fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate cause of such breach?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

**JURY INSTRUCTION AA**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff and Mohammed Abdelhadi were members of the partnership; and
- 2) Mohammed Abdelhadi held, profited, or derived a benefit from property of the partnership; and
- 3) Mohammed Abdelhadi breached his fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff with regard to such property of the partnership; and
- 4) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Mohammed Abdelhadi's breach of his fiduciary duty.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Mohammed Abdelhadi if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the four elements above.

**JURY INSTRUCTION BB**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Were the Plaintiff and Hadi Enterprises members of a partnership?
- 2) If they were members of a partnership, did Hadi Enterprises hold, profit, or derive any benefit from any property of the partnership?
- 3) If so, did Hadi Enterprises breach any fiduciary duty it had to the Plaintiff?
- 4) If Hadi Enterprises breached any fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate cause of such breach?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

Va. Code § 50-73.102; Carstensen v. Chrisland Corp., 247 Va. 433, 442 S.E.2d 660 (1994)

## **JURY INSTRUCTION CC**

### **Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff and Hadi Enterprises were members of the partnership; and
- 2) Hadi Enterprises held, profited, or derived a benefit from property of the partnership; and
- 3) Hadi Enterprises breached its fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff with regard to such property of the partnership; and
- 4) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Hadi Enterprises's breach of his fiduciary duty.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Hadi Enterprises if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the four elements above.

Va. Code § 50-73.102; Carstensen v. Chrisland Corp., 247 Va. 433, 442 S.E.2d 660 (1994)

**JURY INSTRUCTION DD**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Were the Plaintiff and Marshall Auto Outlet members of a partnership?
- 2) If they were members of a partnership, did Marshall Auto Outlet hold, profit, or derive any benefit from any property of the partnership?
- 3) If so, did Marshall Auto Outlet breach any fiduciary duty it had to the Plaintiff?
- 4) If Marshall Auto Outlet breached any fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff, did the Plaintiff suffer any damages as a proximate cause of such breach?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

**JURY INSTRUCTION EE**

**Plaintiff's Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff and Marshall Auto Outlet were members of the partnership; and
- 2) Marshall Auto Outlet held, profited, or derived a benefit from property of the partnership; and
- 3) Marshall Auto Outlet breached its fiduciary duty to the Plaintiff with regard to such property of the partnership; and
- 4) The Plaintiff suffered damages as a proximate result of Marshall Auto Outlet's breach of his fiduciary duty.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Marshall Auto Outlet if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the four elements above.

Va. Code § 50-73.102; Carstensen v. Chrisland Corp., 247 Va. 433, 442 S.E.2d 660 (1994)

**JURY INSTRUCTION FF**

**Definition of Partnership**

A partnership is an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit. The conduct of the business must be for a sustained period for the purposes of livelihood or profit, and not merely carrying on of a single transaction.

Va. Code § 50-73.79; Walker Mosby & Calvert v. Burgess, 153 Va. 779, 151 S.E. 165 (1930)

**JURY INSTRUCTION GG**

**Definition of Fiduciary Duty**

The fiduciary duty of a partner is limited to the duty account to the partnership and hold as trustee for it any property, profit, or benefit derived by the partner in the conduct and winding up of the partnership business or derived from a use by the partner of partnership property.

Va. Code § 50-73.102

**JURY INSTRUCTION HH**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Did the Plaintiff confer a benefit upon Omar Lazkani?
- 2) If the Plaintiff conferred a benefit, did Omar Lazkani retain such benefit?
- 3) If so, do the circumstances render it in equitable for Omar Lazkani to retain such benefit without paying for its value?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

## **JURY INSTRUCTION II**

### **Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Omar Lazkani: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff conferred a benefit on Omar Lazkani.
- 2) Omar Lazkani retained such benefit.
- 3) The circumstances render it inequitable for Omar Lazkani to retain such benefit without paying for its value.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Omar Lazkani if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

**JURY INSTRUCTION JJ**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Did the Plaintiff confer a benefit upon Mohammed Abdelhadi?
- 2) If the Plaintiff conferred a benefit, did Mohammed Abdelhadi retain such benefit?
- 3) If so, do the circumstances render it in equitable for Mohammed Abdelhadi to retain such benefit without paying for its value?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

**JURY INSTRUCTION KK**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Mohammed Abdelhadi: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff conferred a benefit on Mohammed Abdelhadi.
- 2) Mohammed Abdelhadi retained such benefit.
- 3) The circumstances render it inequitable for Mohammed Abdelhadi to retain such benefit without paying for its value.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Mohammed Abdelhadi if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

## **JURY INSTRUCTION LL**

### **Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Did the Plaintiff confer a benefit upon Hadi Enterprises?
- 2) If the Plaintiff conferred a benefit, did Hadi Enterprises retain such benefit?
- 3) If so, do the circumstances render it inequitable for Hadi Enterprises to retain such benefit without paying for its value?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

**JURY INSTRUCTION MM**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Hadi Enterprises: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff conferred a benefit on Hadi Enterprises.
- 2) Hadi Enterprises retained such benefit.
- 3) The circumstances render it inequitable for Hadi Enterprises to retain such benefit without paying for its value.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Hadi Enterprises if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

**JURY INSTRUCTION NN**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Issues and Allocation of Burden of Proof**

Your verdict must be based on the facts as you find them and on the law contained in all of these instructions.

The issues in this case are:

- 1) Did the Plaintiff confer a benefit upon Marshall Auto Outlet?
- 2) If the Plaintiff conferred a benefit, did Marshall Auto Outlet retain such benefit?
- 3) If so, do the circumstances render it inequitable for Marshall Auto Outlet to retain such benefit without paying for its value?

On these issues the Plaintiff has the burden of proof. Each of these elements is indispensable if the Plaintiff is to establish a claim for breach of contract.

Your decision on these issues must be governed by the instructions that follow.

**JURY INSTRUCTION OO**

**Plaintiff's Unjust Enrichment Claim Against Marshall Auto Outlet: Finding Instruction**

You shall find your verdict for the Plaintiff if he has proven by the greater weight of the evidence that:

- 1) The Plaintiff conferred a benefit on Marshall Auto Outlet.
- 2) Marshall Auto Outlet retained such benefit.
- 3) The circumstances render it inequitable for Marshall Auto Outlet to retain such benefit without paying for its value.

You shall find your verdict for Defendant Marshall Auto Outlet if:

- 1) The Plaintiff failed to prove by the greater weight of the evidence one or more of the three elements above.

Firestone v. Wiley, 485 F.Supp.2d 694 (E.D.Va. 2007)

**JURY INSTRUCTION PP**

**Standard of Proof: Definition of Greater Weight of the Evidence**

The greater weight of all the evidence is sometimes called the preponderance of the evidence. It is that evidence which you find more persuasive. The testimony of one witness whom you believe can be the greater weight of the evidence.

## **JURY INSTRUCTION QQ**

### **Reasonable Proof**

The burden is on the Plaintiff to prove by the greater weight of the evidence each item of damage he claims and to prove that each item was caused by Defendants' actions. The Plaintiff is not required to prove the exact amount of their damages, but Plaintiffs must show sufficient facts and circumstances to permit you to make a reasonable estimate of each item. If the Plaintiff fail to do so, then they cannot recover for that item.

**JURY INSTRUCTION RR**

**Definition of Proximate Cause**

A proximate cause of an accident, injury, or damage is a cause which in natural and continuous sequence produces the accident, injury, or damage. It is a cause without which the accident, injury, or damage would not have occurred.